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FOLLOWING USUN 4493 SENT ACTION STATE INFO CAIRO JERUSALEM  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: UN PFOR  
SUBJ: UNEF

1. WHEN AMB BENNETT CALLED ON SYG AM NOV 6 ON ANOTHER  
MATTER, SYG SHOWED HIM A DRAFT LETTER FROM THE SYG  
TO THE SC PRES INFORMING SC THAT US AND USSR ARE EACH  
PROVIDING A GROUP OF OBSERVERS FOR SERVICE WITH UNTSO  
OF UP TO THE 36-MAN SIZE OF THE LARGEST UNTSO CONTINGENT  
(SWEDISH). BENNETT ASKED THAT SYG LETTER TO  
MAKE CLEAR THAT SIZE OF NEITHER GROUP WILL EXCEED NUMBER  
OF LARGEST NATIONAL CONTINGENT. SYG AGREED TO DO SO.  
SYG ALSO OBSERVED THAT NEITHER HE NOR SIILAASVUO HAD MUCH OF AN  
IDEA OF WHAT COULD BE DONE WITH THESE TWO GROUPS OF UNTSO  
OBSERVERS, AND BOTH HE AND URGUHART LATER MADE IT  
CLEAR THEY LOOKED ON ENTRY OF SOVIETS INTO UNTSO WITH FORE-  
BODING AND CONSIDERED IT WOULD POLITICIZE THAT ORGANIZATION.  
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2. SYG SAID THAT USSR AMB MALIK HAD CALLED ON HIM  
5 NOV AND AT FIRST HAD BEEN UNHAPPY THAT SYG CON-  
SIDERED IT NECESSARY TO SEND LETTER TO PRES ON US  
AND USSR OBSERVERS. SYG HAD MADE CLEAR TO MALIK

THAT HE WAS NOT ASKING SC FOR AUTHORIZATION, THAT  
HAVING ALREADY BEEN GIVEN BY SC RES 339, BUT MERELY  
INFORMING THE SC.

3. BENNETT ADVISED SYG THAT LATEST MESSAGE FROM OUR  
EMB IN MONROVIA IS THAT LIBERIA WOULD IN FACT RESPOND  
AFFIRMATIVELY TO A REQUEST BY THE SYG FOR A LIBERIAN  
UNEF CONTINGENT, PROVIDED THAT EGYPT AND ISRAEL WOULD  
AGREE TO LIBERIANS. THE SYG WAS GLAD TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION  
BUT SAID HE DID NOT INTEND TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL  
CONTINGENTS UNTIL ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN COMPLETED  
REGARDING THE SEVEN NAMED COUNTRIES IN THE  
SC CONSENSUS OF 2 NOV. WALDHEIM SAID THAT GENERAL  
SIILAASVUO STILL HAS NO PROPERLY FUNCTIONING HEADQUARTERS  
(A NO-WATER HOTEL SUITE IN HELWAN HAVING BEEN OFFERED)  
AND NO LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND HAD APPEALED TO THE SYG TO  
SEND NO FURTHER FORCES UNTIL PROGRESS MADE ON THESE  
POINTS.

4. THE SYG ASKED BENNETT THAT THE US USE ITS INFLUENCE  
WITH ISRAEL IN SEEKING GOI COOPERATION WITH UNEF.  
WALDHEIM SAID THAT TEKOAH APPARENTLY STILL HAS HIS OLD  
INSTRUCTIONS UNDER WHICH THE GOI WOULD REFUSE TO ACCEPT  
TROOPS OF COUNTRIES NOT HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH  
ISRAEL.

5. THE SYG SAID THAT THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND  
IS, IN HIS VIEW, GROWING MORE AND MORE DANGEROUS.  
HE THOUGHT WE WOULD UNDERSTAND HIS CONCERN OVER  
UNEF CONTINGENTS BEING SQUEEZED IN BETWEEN TWO  
INCREASINGLY HEAVILY ARMED FORCES.  
BENNETT UNQUOTE RUSH

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